

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving at a communication terminal via a communication channel a message including a group of terminal operating characteristics;
storing information corresponding to the group of terminal operating characteristics in the communication terminal; ~~and~~
identifying one or more user profiles stored on the communication terminal, wherein each of the user profiles corresponds to a set of user preferences and settings that control the operation of the communication terminal;
associating the group of terminal operating characteristics with a first user-selectable profile ~~on~~ of the communication terminal; and
configuring the communication terminal to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics in response to a selection of the first user profile.
2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes a ringing tone and at least one graphical picture ~~associated with a user-selectable profile.~~
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes at least one of a card defining contact information and a calendar note defining a date of an event ~~associated with a user-selectable profile.~~
5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes bookmark information defining the location of a server document ~~associated with a user-selectable profile.~~

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the message is received from a remote server providing promotional content.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the message is received from a remote server providing event driven content.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a display on the communication terminal allowing the user to discard one or more of the terminal operating characteristics from a received message after inspecting the terminal operating characteristics included in the message.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2 wherein the at least one graphical picture includes a plurality of individual pictures displayed successively in order to create an animation ~~associated with a user-selectable profile~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein the animation becomes a screen saver for the communication terminal upon selection of the first ~~user-selectable~~ profile.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the message includes a profile name label for the group of terminal operating characteristics.

12-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving at a communication terminal via a communication channel a message including a group of terminal operating characteristics;

identifying one or more user-selectable profiles stored on the communication terminal, wherein each of the user-selectable profiles corresponds to a set of user preferences and settings that control the operation of the communication terminal; and

receiving at the communication terminal user input indicating that the received group of

terminal operating characteristics should be associated with one or more of the identified user-selectable profiles stored on the communication terminal;

updating the terminal operating characteristics of the one or more user-selectable profiles to correspond to the received group of terminal operating characteristics.

34. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes a ringing tone and at least one graphical picture.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 34, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics further includes at least one of a card defining contact information and a calendar note defining a date of an event.

37. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 34, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics further includes bookmark information defining the location of a server document.

38. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein the message is received from a remote server providing promotional content.

39. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein the message is received from a remote server providing event driven content.

40-45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
after receiving the message, providing a display on the communication terminal to notify a user of the receipt of the terminal operating characteristics; and
receiving at the communication terminal user input indicating that the received terminal

operating characteristics are to be saved on the communication terminal.

47 (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

receiving at the communication terminal user input selecting the first user-selectable profile; and

configuring the communication terminal to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics of the selected profile.

48 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 33, further comprising:

providing a display on the communication terminal to notify a user of the receipt of the terminal operating characteristics;

receiving at the communication terminal user input identifying one or more of the received terminal operating characteristics and affirming that the one or more user-selectable profiles stored on the communication terminal are to be updated to correspond to the one or more identified characteristics.

49 (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a processor controlling at least some operations of the apparatus; and

memory storing computer executable instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the apparatus to perform a method comprising:

receiving a message including a group of terminal operating characteristics;

storing information corresponding to the group of terminal operating characteristics; ~~and~~

identifying one or more user profiles stored in the memory, wherein each of the user profiles corresponds to a set of user preferences and settings that control the operation of the apparatus;

receiving user input indicating that the received group of terminal operating characteristics should be associated with one or more of the identified user profiles stored in the memory;

associating the group of terminal operating characteristics with a first user-

~~selectable~~ profile ~~on of~~ the apparatus; and
configuring the apparatus to operate according to the received group of terminal
operating characteristics in response to a selection of the first user profile.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, the method further comprising:
after receiving the message, providing a display on the apparatus to notify a user of the receipt of the terminal operating characteristics; and
receiving at the apparatus user input indicating that the received terminal operating characteristics are to be saved on the apparatus.

51. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 49, the method further comprising:
receiving user input selecting the first user-~~selectable~~ profile; and
configuring the apparatus to operate according to the received group of terminal
operating characteristics of the selected profile.

52. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the user interface provided on the display allows the user to discard one or more of the terminal operating characteristics from a received message after inspection of the terminal operating characteristics included in the message.

53. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics comprises a ringing tone and at least one graphical picture-~~associated with a user-selectable profile.~~